

## The Alexandria Gazette

SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 20.

The Baltimore Gazette says:—"We learn that quite a number of those merchants who have lately come to Baltimore from the South, in order to re-establish business relations with our people, have, after a brief sojourn here, left for New York. We understand that some have been frightened because of the arrest of some one of their friends or companions; others have been deterred from remaining by the bitter feeling which they found, or supposed to exist here, against Southerners; and others again have left because of threatening letters sent them by unknown or irresponsible parties. It is reported that persons have been sent here from New York for the express purpose of thus warning Southern merchants away from Baltimore."

The Washington Chronicle objects to the reinstatement of the former managers of the railroads in Virginia, in their old positions; condemns the placing of Lyons, Meredith and Thomas upon the bench of the new Court of Arbitration in Richmond, and says the arrangement is not satisfactory—thinks that not enough anti slavery feeling has yet been developed through the press in Richmond; hopes that Gov. Peirpoint will "at once institute a thorough reform," in the matter of the railroad management and in other things—and says that those who have "been active in the rebellion," or holding fat offices in the South, as long as they could stay there, have at most but a right to live unmolested, "and must be compelled to take back seats."

According to the Washington correspondent of the New York Tribune, the forthcoming proclamation of President Johnson will modify, in some important particulars, the unconditional amnesty proffered by President Lincoln, narrowing its scope and making the amnesty to insurgent officers below the rank of a Brigadier General dependent on certain specified conditions. All those who were in the civil service of the late Confederate Government are said to be excepted from the new amnesty.

A platform 120 feet long and raised some ten feet from the ground, is now being erected on the south side of Pennsylvania avenue, in Washington, immediately in front of the President's House, where the President, Gen. Grant, the Members of the Cabinet, Heads of Military and Civil Departments, and the Corps Diplomatique will be stationed while the troops pass in review, on Tuesday and Wednesday next.

In their testimony before the Congress Committee on the Conduct of the War, both Gen. Grant and Gen. Meade, expressed their opinion in the highest terms of the manner in which Secretary Stanton had discharged his official duties, and gave it as their belief that the War office has been managed throughout the war, generally, with great ability.

The late heavy storms which have visited this locality have been, it would seem, terribly destructive throughout Baltimore county, in many places destroying whole fields of newly planted corn.

The Richmond Whig says:—"One of the results of the change in the system of labor which is about to be carried into effect in Virginia, is the substitution of small farms for the large areas now so generally cultivated. A scheme looking to the accomplishment, through Northern capitalists, of a result of this character, has already been set on foot and will probably be pushed forward in quite a rapid manner."

The N. Y. papers of both political complexions, give a very bad account of Steinacker, one of the witnesses in the Conspiracy trial. If one half of what is said about him be true, the Military Commission will not put much faith in his testimony.

THE TOBACCO INTERESTS.—The destruction of leaf tobacco has been so large, and the quantity raised so small, that it is probable the Factories throughout the country will not be reopened until another crop has been gathered. The tax upon the weed, will also deter many from engaging too early in the business. One of the largest and most remunerative industrial pursuits in the South, has thus been temporarily stopped, and in the cities, a large number of persons deprived of labor.—*Petersburg Ec. press.*

The Episcopal Convention of Maryland, was to have commenced its regular session in Baltimore on Wednesday next, but as national fast day occurs during the time occupied by the sittings of the body, Bishop Whittingham has intimated that he intends recommending an immediate adjournment until September next, so as to allow the ministers to be present in their different parishes on that day.

A young man who has been employed at Fort Warren, informs the Boston Traveller, that the number of prisoners in the fort is about three hundred and fifty.

A steamer is reported to have arrived at Annapolis, Md., yesterday, from Fernandina, Florida, and Hilton Head, with about 300 paroled Union troops and a number of paroled prisoners, including some officers.

Samuel T. Suit, of the firm of Ford, Suit & Co., Bankers, of New York, has established a Bank in Richmond.

## DIED.

At her residence, near Newport, Charles County, Md., on Tuesday, the 9th day of May, after a lingering illness which she bore with Christian fortitude and meekness, Mrs. CALLISTA LANCASTER, relict of John F. Lancaster, aged 73 years.

REV. MR. NORTON will officiate at St. Paul's Church Lecture room, to-morrow morning and afternoon. It

DIVINE SERVICE will be held in the Baptist Church, on Washington st., next Sunday morning. my 19-2t

## NOTICE.

THERE will be a meeting of the VIRGINIA TENT INDEPENDENT ORDER OF RECHABITES, over the Market House, on Wednesday night, at half-past seven o'clock. The members are requested to attend. By order of the committee. JOHN SOPER, my 20-3t Chairman.

## EXECUTOR'S SALE.

On Wednesday, the 31st of May next, at 10 o'clock a. m., will be sold at the residence of the late James Roach, near Fort Albany, in Alexandria county, a lot of WAGGONS, CARTS, FARMING UTENSILS, BLACKSMITH'S TOOLS, BLOCKS and FALLS, a quantity of Wrought and Cast IRON—about ten tons, and other articles. Terms, Cash. JAMES C. ROACH, } Executors of MARY T. ROACH. } James Roach, my 20-dts Deceased.

## LOCAL NEWS.

Ward Meetings were held last night to appoint delegates to the Convention to be held on Monday night, which is to nominate candidates for the Legislature. At the Ward Meetings, the following delegates to the General Convention were elected:

FIRST WARD.—Messrs. Davy, Adams, Howard, Tucker, Hewes, Cheney, R. Bell, jr. and McKenzie.

SECOND WARD.—Messrs. Willoughby, Armstrong, Henderson, Whitmore, Robert Wade, C. C. Wade, Boyd and Stein.

THIRD WARD.—(List not received.)

FOURTH WARD.—Messrs. S. F. Beach, Wm. Arnold, Gillis, W. N. Berkely, Martin, Eldridge, Hill and Robt. Bell.

Article 3, of the new Constitution of Virginia, provides that "every white male citizen of the Commonwealth, of the age of 21 years, who has been a resident of the State for one year, and of the county, city, or town where he offers to vote, for six months next preceding an election, and who has payed all taxes assessed to him after the adoption of this Constitution under the laws of the Commonwealth after the reorganization of the county, city or town, where he offers to vote, shall be qualified to vote, &c." The Constitution was adopted on the 7th of April, 1864. No assessment has yet been made—and, it is said, therefore, that no taxes can be required to be paid as a requisite for voting, where there is no assessment.

A letter from Lynchburg says:—"The Orange and Alexandria trains are only running to Amherst, C. H., distant 15 miles. Those on the Virginia and Tennessee road go to Liberty, 25 miles West. The Southside is inoperative between here and the Junction. The chief damage to the roads are the destruction of bridges, but this is fast being repaired by the companies."

The Richmond Bulletin says:—"We learn from Mr. Franklin, the Superintendent of the Orange and Alexandria R. R., that measures are being put into action to rebuild all the bridges that have been destroyed, and thus throw open direct transportation from Richmond to Washington. The bridges number five or six, and vary as to length. The rails and grading of the road are not destroyed, and are now ready for use."

The headquarters of the Army of the Tennessee, under charge of Captain Taggart have been established at the Mansion House, Alexandria, and the Headquarters of the 16th corps on King street, at the same place. Gen. Sherman's headquarters have been prepared for his reception, and are situated in an orchard a short distance outside.

The vessels of the Potomac flotilla which the Government have no further use for, numbering over twenty, are arriving at the Washington Navy Yard. Their stores and guns are being removed, and their crews transferred, to other vessels, or to the mould loft.

The U. S. steamers Yankee, Jacob Bell, and Dragon, are to be sold at the Washington Navy Yard on Saturday, the 3d of June next. Terms cash.